



# HUS HAPPENINGS

## JULY 2009

### 120 Years of Serving Christ

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## Not By Might...

As I was growing up I can remember a verse that was the key verse for the church my family and I attended in Hayward, California. This sleepy little town was nestled in between Oakland to the north and San Jose to the south. Just northwest was the big city, San Francisco. "Templo De La Cruz" was the name of the church. It was a Spanish speaking church and those who attended were people who had received Jesus after living hard and difficult lives. It had been founded by Hispanic Puerto Ricans that had come to the California mainland from the islands of Hawaii. Their voices were beautiful and they had that island tone and pitch that made your heart sing. I can still hear their harmonies in my mind as I think back to those days at Templo.

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They had the words posted in raised gold painted letters just over the stage or pulpit area against a light green wall that arched over the sanctuary from one side to the other. The verse was Zachariah 4:6. The words were in Spanish and I read them each time I entered the church. There was even a spirited little chorus song that went along with this verse that was sung often by various song leaders during our services.

*Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

The message of this verse made it clear that walking with Jesus was not a journey that was made possible by our own might, will power or anything that anyone could conjure up on their own. It was lived by the power of the Holy Spirit! That powerful truth was imprinted into my mind and soul from way back in

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"The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same moment."

— Thomas Jefferson



## July Birthdays

- 1 Nicholas Snyder
- 8 Randy Havel
- 10 Marlus Grimm
- 11 Diane Van Wyk
- 12 Richard Ransom
- 14 Wendy Walton
- 15 Don Zahradnik
- 25 Helen Anderson
- 26 Dolores Meissner
- 26 Bobby Bean

## July Anniversaries

- 7 Jim and Jennifer Porter 2 years
- 19 Adam and Melissa Klitzka 1 year



July 5<sup>th</sup>

Jack Funcke and Dot Harrelson  
Grace Ford and Ruby Warren

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Marj Nejd and Marge Pace  
Randy and Cathi Havel

July 19<sup>th</sup>

Lisa and Brianna McAtee  
Helen Anderson and Marlus Grimm

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie and Alan Tichy  
Dick and Janet Ransom

"I have been driven to my knees many times because there is no place else to go."  
— Abraham Lincoln

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## AUGUST 10-14

### 5:30-8 PM

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## *Healing the Heartland Festival*

The goal was to provide a message of faith and hope for the heartland following last years historic flooding in Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa through with music, food, fun, inspiration and community care. Did that happen? It sure did and more!

After months of preparation the week of the festival was upon us. On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> about 15 of us gathered on at Taylor Elementary School (<http://taylor.cr.k12.ia.us/>) to go door to door with fliers for the Neighbor & Friends BBQ. Wendy Barton, who coordinated the BBQ, had picked up 3,000 for us to hand out, prepped maps and even had bags of doggie treats for us to hand out. The group from Hus included Wendy, Diane, Karissa, Marissa and myself. Also there was a great group of young adults from Watershed ([www.watershedmovement.com](http://www.watershedmovement.com)). After splitting up the Linwood and Czech Village neighborhoods we set out to hand out the fliers. About an hour and a half into it our group called it quits because the rain was coming down so hard. We were quite literally soaked to the bone. By the time we made it back to Taylor the rain had let up and we decided to finish the last few blocks around the school, get lunch and go at it again that afternoon. Fortunately after lunch the rain had stopped and we were able to complete our task. Unfortunately the combination of the rain and the sun left a lot of humidity for us.

On Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> I spent the day putting up the concert stage and roof. This was the first time that roof had been used. In addition to the half dozen or so volunteers the company that was contracted to provide them had six of their employees there as well as a factory representative for the company that made the roof. The first thing to go up was the roof which would eventually be about 60 feet up in the air. After assembling all the individual pieces the process of putting the supports in place began.

After hoisting the first one the chain for the motorized roof hoist was being threaded when the line got stuck. One of the employees climbed the 60 feet up to fix that. After that the factory representative suggested they put together a mechanism that would use the rest of the motors to put up the supports. That was much easier, not sure why we didn't start off like that. Once the supports were in place the fitted tarp was put in place and then stretched to fit. We then went to work on the 40' x 40' stage. The stage was much more difficult to put together because of the uneven ground and the shear weight of the individual platforms. When we finished at 8:30 PM, just a short 12 1/2 hours later) I could not wait for the concert in just two short days to see how it would look.

The three day Healing the Heartland Festival ([www.healingcr.com](http://www.healingcr.com)) kicked off on Friday night, June 12<sup>th</sup> with a big backyard barbeque in 11 locations in and around the Greater Cedar Rapids area. Area congregations with Serve the City were the hosts for the Neighbor & Friends BBQ and provided food, games and a neighborhood atmosphere in parks and on school campuses. Hus Presbyterian ([www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)) had the pleasure of serving as one of the co-hosts for the BBQ at Taylor Elementary School which targeted the Linwood and Czech Village neighborhoods and was headed up by Hus member Wendy Barton. Despite the pouring down rain over 400 neighbors and friends came to Taylor Elementary for the BBQ. In fact the busiest time we had was when it was raining the hardest. People just kept coming, most of who walked to the school. It was neat to see some of the people we had handed fliers to the week before. Principal Brian Christoffersen was amazing and spent a great deal of the night with us. Fortunately we were able to find several areas with overhangs. The first one provided a safe, dry place for the sound board so we could continue

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playing music through out the entire evening. We covered the speakers with small tarps that were light enough let the music be heard and to keep out the rain. We directed people to the rest of the overhangs so they could stay somewhat dry while they ate. We had the opportunity to meet a lot of people. Some were survivors; some were people who had helped and continue to help and one young couple who had just moved to Cedar Rapids and are now living in a renovated home that had been flooded. The pain is still there and will be there for a long time. Most are still hopeful for a brighter future. One man wondered out loud why God would allow it to rain when people were trying to do something good for the neighborhoods. My response was that God had a reason. He then said, "Maybe to remind us of the flood last year." To which I responded that might be one reason, another might be so that we could bring glory to God by remaining there and continuing the BBQ and loving on our neighbors regardless. No matter what the reason everyone was grateful that we had the BBQ. A big thanks to the Hus crew, Wendy, Diane, Karissa and Riley Wyman (Riley's home is across the street from Taylor and was flooded last year).

Saturday was one huge community "backyard" festival that was located Kingston Sports Complex and the CR Ice Arena. We celebrated surviving and healing, thus the name Healing the Heartland Festival. The activities included a Community Barbeque, Family Fun Zone, Sports Zone, a comprehensive Community Care/Services Tent and a concert venue with bands and speakers. The Community Care tent offered information and care to community members including job search and resume writing, mobile medical clinic, registration & fingerprinting of children by CRPD and more. As I walked through the mobile dentist chairs were all full with people waiting to get looked at. Others were taking advantage of the free clothing giveaway. Life 101.9 ([www.life1019.com](http://www.life1019.com)) was there. 89.1 The Spirit ([www.891thespirit.com](http://www.891thespirit.com)) was there broadcasting live. We are very fortunate to have two Christian radio stations in the area. The Fun Zone was located in and around the lobby of the CR Ice Arena. Activities included face painting, balloon artist, stick-on tattoos, bounce around playground, puppets, kids' songs and visits from local mascots including Shucks from the Kernels and Ricochet from the Roughriders. The Sport Zone was held in the same arena as the Roughriders play minus the ice. The area featured emcee and international speaker Keith Cook ([www.onthego.org](http://www.onthego.org)) and exhibitions from the "Untitled Skateboards" Team ([www.untitledskateboards.com](http://www.untitledskateboards.com)), Basketball Exhibitionist Tanya Crevier ([www.enthusiasminternational.com](http://www.enthusiasminternational.com)), and the Mike Hagen Strength Team ([www.strengthteam.com](http://www.strengthteam.com)). The day concluded with a concert emceed by Christian comedian Dr. Dennis Swanberg ([www.dennisswanberg.com](http://www.dennisswanberg.com)), a testimony from Mickey Robinson ([www.mickeyrobinson.com](http://www.mickeyrobinson.com)) and music from David Phelps ([www.davidphelps.com](http://www.davidphelps.com)), BarlowGirl ([www.barlowgirl.com](http://www.barlowgirl.com)) and the Newsboys (<http://newsboys.com/>)! What a way to end the evening. I was back stage as security and as a stage hand. Diane and Karissa spent the night working the merchandise table for BarlowGirl along side the famous trio's parents. I think the highlight for them was when they got to meet the girls after they finished signing autographs. Twitter provided some immediate feedback from each of the artists. David Phelps tweeted "Had a great concert in Cedar Rapids with Barlow Girl and News Boys. Great crowd. I think we made some new fans. Hope some of u were there!" Alyssa Barlow tweeted "Wow I lllloovvveee Iowa! I want to take you all with me! Please???" Lauren tweeted "The show tonight was so stinking amazing!!!!!!" Do you think they like Iowa? The Newsboys tweeted "This town was under 12 feet of water last year. Heard some amazing stories from a local cab driver. Hope the show is a blessing to the city", "Great show tonight. Despite a few gear problems and the slippery stage, we had a wonderful evening!" I am guessing their drive out of town was not as much fun because the "Bus caught on fire on the

way home! Everyone is fine. Bus is fine. Thanks to the "good samaritans" who stopped along the road to help!"

On Sunday the festival concluded with Faith Night at the Kernel's ([www.kernels.com](http://www.kernels.com)) which included a second free exhibition from the Mike Hagen Strength Team in the parking lot and a concert inside provided by the New Covenant Bible Church "Big Band." With the exception of the Saturday food vendors and tickets to the baseball game the entire weekend was free. It was the desire of the of the 39 churches and 9 ministries that make up Serve the City ([www.servethecity.org](http://www.servethecity.org)) to provide a weekend of free activities to our community as they continue to recover from the 2008 Flood as many cannot afford any fun family activities. The festival is over, but three years of Prayer, Care and Share to the community continues with numerous unprecedented opportunities to show and tell about the love of Jesus Christ. Continue praying for guidance on what you can do.

Living Outrageously for Christ,

*Terry*

### **Adult Readings from the Life Journal - July 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>July 1</b> Is. 1-3; Titus 3	<b>July 2</b> Is. 4,5; Ps. 115, 116 Jude	<b>July 3</b> Is. 6,7; Chr.26,27; Philem.	<b>July 4</b> 2 Ki. 15, 16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1
<b>July 5</b> Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2	<b>July 6</b> Hos. 6-9; Heb. 3	<b>July 7</b> Hos. 10-12; Ps. 73; Heb. 4	<b>July 8</b> Hos. 13, 14; Ps. 100, 102; Heb. 5	<b>July 9</b> Mic. 1-4; Heb. 6	<b>July 10</b> Mic. 5-7; Heb. 7	<b>July 11</b> Is. 8-10; Heb. 8
<b>July 12</b> Is. 11-14; Heb. 9	<b>July 13</b> Is. 15-18; Heb. 10	<b>July 14</b> Is. 19-21; Heb. 11	<b>July 15</b> Is. 22-24; Heb. 12	<b>July 16</b> Is. 25-28; Heb. 13	<b>July 17</b> Is. 29-31; Jas. 1	<b>July 18</b> Is. 32-35; Jas. 2
<b>July 19</b> 2 Ki. 17; 2 Chr. 28; Ps. 46; Jas. 3	<b>July 20</b> 2 Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4	<b>July 21</b> 2 Ki. 18, 19; 2 Chr. 32; Jas. 5	<b>July 22</b> Is. 26, 37; Ps. 76; 1 Pet. 1	<b>July 23</b> 2 Ki. 20; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75; 1 Pet. 2	<b>July 24</b> Is. 40-42; 1 Pet. 3	<b>July 25</b> Is. 43-45; 1 Pet. 4
<b>July 26</b> Is. 46-49; 1 Pet. 5	<b>July 27</b> Is. 50-52; Ps. 92; 2 Pet. 1	<b>July 28</b> Is. 53-56; 2 Pet. 2	<b>July 29</b> Is. 57-59; Ps. 103; 2 Pet. 3	<b>July 30</b> Is. 60-62; Jn. 1	<b>July 31</b> Is. 63, 64; Ps. 107; Jn. 2	

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my childhood. I am so glad for that. I have had to surrender all my efforts as often as I realized that trying to make it without God's Holy Spirit was just a futile effort! I want to leave this verse with you this month! It is at the heart of this next weeks sermon titled "By the Power of the Holy Spirit" A powerful foundation Principle that ignited the New Testament Church and caused it to grow and impact the world. The way I believe God wants Hus Church to impact Cedar Rapids and the world.

Come join me as we look at truth from God's word that can revitalize our faith journey here at Hus Church. Hope to see you soon!

*Pastor Mel Ramos*



## ALL CHURCH POTLUCK JULY 19TH

Immediately following worship service.  
Bring a dish to share and place setting.  
Drinks will be provided.



### **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE NEWS

- ✝ **Wolia:** Don't forget to bring \$1 each week for Wolia! It only costs us \$35 a month. This helps provide food, water, education, housing and Bible study for Wolia, her family and even her community. To date we have only collected enough for the first two months of this year.
- ✝ **July 4<sup>th</sup> Party:** Join us from 1-5 PM for games, treats, prizes and a time to hang out and have some 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun!
- ✝ **Hus Racing League:** Season 4 continues July 11<sup>th</sup> ! Registration at 9:30 AM, racing at 10 AM.
- ✝ **Hunger for Hope:** A lock-in with New Beginnings Church July 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Youth will be asked to raise money which will then be used to go to the store and buy food for the Mission of Hope food pantry. As we have in previous years we will be doing a neighborhood scavenger hunt for non-perishable food items. Stay tuned for more details as they become available!
- ✝ **Catch 419:** Come to the areas only Christ centered high school & college youth hangout every Friday & Saturday from 6 - 10 PM! Free admission, free live music, free games, free Internet access, and free TV. More at [www.catch419.com](http://www.catch419.com).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	2 Red Hat Ladies- 4 PM Music Lessons	3	4 4th of July Youth Picnic- 1-5 PM
5 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching	6 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	7 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Music Lessons Local 262 - 6 PM	8 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	9 Music Lessons	10	11 Hus Racing League- Registration - 9:30 AM Racing - 10 AM
12 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching	13 Music Lessons Lodge 13 - 6 PM Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	14 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Music Lessons	15 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	16 Music Lessons Hunger for Hope	17 Hunger for Hope	18
19 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Peter Yoder Teaching All Church Potluck	20 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	21 Men's Breakfast - 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Music Lessons Session - 7 PM	22 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	23 Lunch Bunch- 11:30 AM Music Lessons	24	25
26 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching	27 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	28 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Music Lessons	29 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	30 Music Lessons Recital- 7 PM	31	

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